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1724 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009 (202) 234-5570	rviewer:_1510 Respondents _ City/Town: _January 13-16, 1990_ County: _ _ 481 Male
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poll of public opinion across the chousehold who are at least 18 year right now, can you tell me who ha DOESN'T KNOW ALL THE BIRTH had the last birthday? May I speak	et Journal We're conducting a confidential country. Of the people living in your s old, including those who are not home d the most recent birthday? (IF PERSON DAYS, SAY:) Well, of the ones you do know, who to that person please? (IF PERSON WITH THOME, FIND OUT WHEN HE/SHE WILL RETURN AND
•	HAT HE/SHE IS THE ONE WITH THE MOST RECENT to question. (PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO
•	AT HE/SHE IS NOT THE ONE TO HAVE THE MOST
RECENT BIRTHDAY, ASK TO SPEAK TO T COMES TO THE PHONE, SAY:)	HE PERSON WHO DID. AFTER RESPONDENT
a confidential poll of public opinio least 18 years old and the person all the adults living in this housel	and I'm calling from Hart e Wall Street Journal We're conducting n across the country. Are you at with the most recent birthday of
>	< vote in the precinct or election naven't you had a chance to register

Yes 1001 CONTINUE (12)
No2 TERMINATE AND DO NOT Not sure3 COUNT TOWARD QUOTA
2. All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?
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11/899/89_ Approve 541 (15)52 61 _ Disapprove 31233 24 _ Not sure 1531515 _
3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George Bush is doing in handling our foreign affairs?11/899/89_
Approve 69 -1 (16) _ 59 _ 58 _ Disapprove 212 _ 27 _ 26 _ Not sure 103 _ 14 _ 16 _

3d. Using a scale of 1 to 5, on which the number "5" means it describes George Bush very well and the number "1" means it describes him very little, what number would you assign to the phrase, "George Bush is too cautious and slow to act?" In other words, do you feel the phrase describes him or does not describe him? (RECORD A NUMBER. IF "NOT SURE," RECORD AN "A.")

4. Which of these two statements comes closer to your point of view on what America needs to be doing in the next year? (READ CHOICES SLOWLY AND RECORD BELOW.)

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- _Statement A_: The President and the Congress should adopt a steady-as-you-go approach and not make major changes.
- _Statement B:_ The President and the Congress should adopt an approach that seeks to make major changes and look to shake things up.

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Statement A...... 36 _-1 (20) Statement B...... 54 _-2 Some of both (VOL) _ 4 _-3 Neither (VOL).... 2 _-4 Not sure...... 4 _-5

 (FORM A) >	
Want a drug-free society 20% Homeless 18 Want peace, no more war 13 Federal budget deficit, spending 11 Employment, jobs 10 Education, schools 9	
Don't know, no response 2% (FORM B)> < 5. Why do you feel that way? (PROBE:) What kind of changes do you (want to see/most want to avoid)?	
Net Responses In Favor Of Change 84%Net Responses Against Change Economy should be stronger	28%_
Don't know, no response 6% 6a. Looking ahead to the election for U.S. Congress in 1990, do you plan to vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district?	
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together more closely, or do you think it is better to have _different_ political parties controlling the Congress and the presidency, to prevent either one from going too far? >	
Better if controlled by _same_ political party 241 (55) _ 28 _ Better if controlled by _different_ political party_ 63264 _ Not sure 1338 _	
6c. Do you think there should or should not be a limit to the number of terms to which a senator or member of Congress can be elected?	
Yes, there should be a limit 671 (56) No, there should not be a limit_ 282 Not sure 53	
6d. Who do you feel had the greatest influence on the course of events during the 1980sMikhail Gorbachev ("mick-ALE gor-ba-CHOFF"), Rona Reagan, or someone else?	ıld
Mikhail Gorbachev	

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7a. What would you say are the two or three most important issues or
   problems facing the nation today that you would like to see the
   federal government in Washington do something about? (DO NOT READ
   CHOICES. ACCEPT UP TO _THREE_ RESPONSES.)
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                  _Q.7a._ _Q.7b._
   ECONOMY
    Economy generally.... 14 _-1 (60) _ 6 _-1 (66)
    Farm problems, agri-
    culture, drought...._ 1 _-2 __ - _-2
Inflation, prices...._ 2 _-3 __ 1 _-3
Interest rates......_ 1 _-4 __ - _-4
Jobs, unemployment..._ 11 _-5 __ 3 _-5
New industry needed.._ 1 _-6 __ - _-6
Trade, imports......_ 3 _-7 __ 1 _-7
   _TAXES, GOV'T SPENDING_
    Budget deficit...... 14 _-8 _ 7 _-8
    Government waste,
    FOREIGN POLICY/DEFENSE
    Central America....._ 1 _-C _ - _-C Defense--strengthen._ 1 _-D _ - _-D
    Defense spending,
    cut defense budget.._ 3 _-E __ - _-E Foreign aid--reduce.._ 3 _-F __ 1 _-F Foreign policy......_ 5 _-G __ 1 _-G Panama....._ 1 _-H __ - _-H Terrorism......_ - _-I __ - _-I
    War, keep peace;
     nuclear arms race.._ 3 _-J __ - _-J
   SOCIAL PROBLEMS
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Poverty/social
    services..... 9 _-8 _ 3 _-8
   Social Security/
    senior citizens.... 5 _-9 _ 2 _-9
  OTHER DOMESTIC PROBLEMS
   Environment, pollu-
   tion, toxic wastes.__ 10 _-E ___ 5 _-E

Government corruption__ 1 _-F ___ - _-F

Morality/values....._ 2 _-G ___ 1 _-G

Racism......_ 2 ___ 1 __

Other (specify below)
   Other (specify below)
  (No most important problems)_ 7 _
7b. Of the issues you just mentioned as important, which one do you
.stretch 2
  consider to be the most important? (ALLOW ONLY _ONE_ RESPONSE. RECORD
  ABOVE UNDER Q.7b.)
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Good idea
8b. Do you feel Manuel Noriega ("nor-ee-AY-guh") can receive a fair trial in the United States, or not?
Yes, he can receive a fair trial 671 (71) _No_, he cannot receive a fair trial_ 262 Not sure 73
9a. Do you think the United States should or should not provide substantial economic assistance to (READ LIST SLOWLY) to help rebuild its economy? (REPEAT CHOICES FOR EACH ITEMROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW)>
Should Should Not Provide Provide Substantial Substantial Not _AssistanceAssistanceSure_
Panama 621 _ 302 _ 83 (72) The Soviet Union _ 251 _ 662 _ 93 (73) East Germany 361 _ 552 _ 93 (74) Poland 461 _ 442 _ 103 (75) Romania 391 _ 482 _ 133 (76)
9b. After the Chinese government took action against student demonstrators in May, the United States suspended high level contacts and cooperation with the Chinese government. Recently, the Bush Administration has resumed close ties and cooperation with the Chinese government. Do you think this was the right time, or should we have waited longer before normalizing relations?
Was the right time to resume close ties 401 (77) We should have waited longer 472 Not sure 133
9c. If, as a result of reduced world tensions, the U.S. is able to reduce defense spending significantly, do you think that the money the U.S. saves should be used (1) to reduce the federal budget deficit, (2) to reduce taxes, or (3) to increase spending for domestic programs?

(_ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW)
> 12/89_*
1) Reduce the federal budget deficit 401 _ 42 _ (78) 2) Reduce taxes 202 _ 21 _ 3) Increase spending for domestic programs 333 _ 31 _ Depends (VOL) 54 _ 2 _ Not sure 25 _ 4 _
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Favor 711 ASK Q.10b. (79) _ 69 _
Oppose 202 SKIP TO18 _ Not sure_ 93 Q.10c13 _
* Likely voters
10b. Would you still favor the death penalty even if there were a law that required people convicted of murder to be sentenced for life without a chance for parole?
Yes, would still favor the death penalty 501 (80) _No_, would not still favor the death penalty_ 162 Not sure 53 (Do not favor death penalty) 29 _

10c. Do you think the death penalty does or does not deter people from committing murder?
Does deter people from committing murder 501 (81) Does not deter people from committing murder_ 442 Not sure 63
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Approve 221 (84) Disapprove 722 Not sure 63
11b. With the arrest and removal of Manuel Noriega and his associates from power in Panama, how much difference do you think this will make in reducing the flow of drugs into the United Statesa lot, a little, or almost no difference at all?
A lot of difference 101 (85) A little difference 422 Almost no difference at all 453 Not sure 34
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12c. In general, do you think 1989 was one of the best years economically for the country, pretty good, average, not so good, or one of the

worst years economically for the country?

One of the best...._ 3 _-1 (88)
Pretty good......_ 25 _-2
Average......._ 46 _-3
Not so good......_ 19 _-4
One of the worst..._ 4 _-5
Not sure......_ 3 _-6

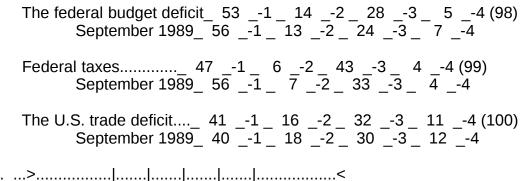
12d. In general, do you think 1990 will be one of the best years economically for the country, pretty good, average, not so good, or one of the worst years economically for the country?

One of the best..._ 5 _-1 (89)
Pretty good...... 24 _-2
Average...... 42 _-3
Not so good...... 18 _-4
One of the worst.._ 3 _-5
Not sure...... 8 _-6

12e. Do you think there will or will not be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

Will be an economic recession...._ 31 _-1 (90) Will not be an economic recession_ 56 _-2 Not sure....._ 13 _-3

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13a. I'd like to read you a list of economic issues. As of right now,
  which one do you feel is the most important issue facing the country?
  (READ LIST SLOWLY. READ FROM BOTTOM ON EVERY OTHER SURVEY.)
O.13b.
                O.13a.
                                Second
                Most
                                Most
                                 _Important
               Important
                                1/90 9/89
             1/90 9/89
(No most
All equally
 important (VOL)......|_ 5 _-7 |_ 4 _ important
None is important (VOL)...|_ - _-8 |_ - _ issue).._ 7 _ _ 6 _
SKIP TO Q.13c.
. ...>......|......<
13b. And which of these is the second most important? (READ REMAINING
  CHOICES AND RECORD ABOVE UNDER 13b.)
13c. Now, let me read you these economic issues again. This time, please
  tell me whether you feel that, in the next twelve months, (READ FIRST
  ITEM ON LIST) will increase, decrease, or stay about the same.
  (RECORD BELOW AND REPEAT FOR EACH ITEM ON LIST.)
Stay
                         About
                                 Not
              _Increase_ _Decrease_ _The Same_ _Sure_
  Inflation...... 47 _-1 _ 7 _-2 _ 43 _-3 _ 3 _-4 (95) 
September 1989 _ 43 _-1 _ 8 _-2 _ 45 _-3 _ 4 _-4
  Unemployment..... 45 _-1 _ 14 _-2 _ 38 _-3 _ 3 _-4 (96)
        September 1989 34 _-1 _ 20 _-2 _ 42 _-3 _ 4 _-4
  Interest rates...... 34 _-1 _ 31 _-2 _ 31 _-3 _ 4 _-4 (97)
        September 1989_ 43 _-1 _ 21 _-2 _ 30 _-3 _ 6 _-4
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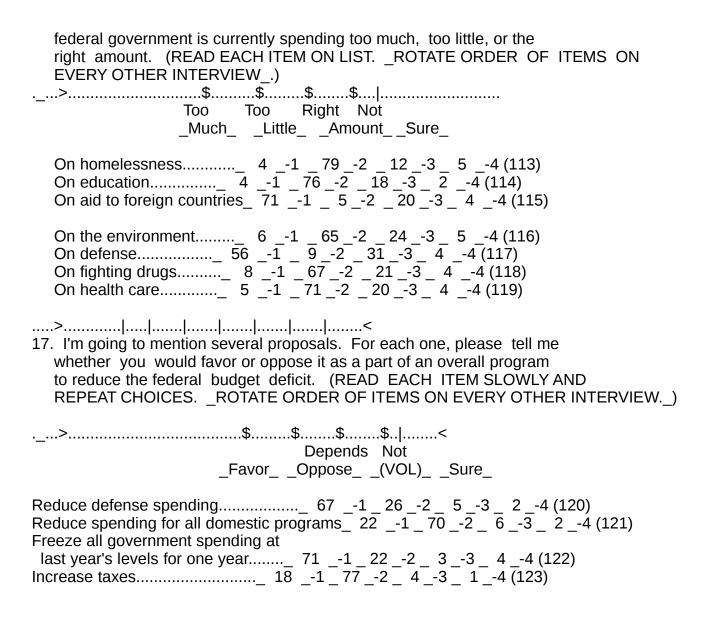


14a. There has recently been a suggestion that the 1990 Social Security tax increase be cancelled. Those in favor of cancelling the increase say the Social Security fund is running a surplus and that this tax increase is unnecessary now. Those opposed to cancelling the tax increase say the surplus is needed to hold down the size of the federal budget deficit and to make sure the Social Security fund is sound for the future. Do you favor or oppose the proposed cancellation of the Social Security tax increase?

14b. As you may know, the Bush Administration has proposed cutting the tax rate on capital gains--that is, the tax on profits from investments such as the sale of stocks, bonds, and real estate. Would you favor or oppose such a tax cut?

Favor a capital gains tax cut...._ 45 _-1 (102) Oppose a capital gains tax cut...._ 47 _-2 Not sure....._ 8 _-3

14c. Do you think a cut in the tax on capital gains would benefit everyone or only the wealthy?
Benefit everyone
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Raising taxes 121 (106) Lowering taxes 282 Keeping taxes about the same 583 Not sure 24
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_ Not
FavorOpposeSure
Raising the tax on gasoline 261 _ 722 _ 23 (107) Increasing the income tax rates for individuals 171 _ 792 _ 43 (108) Enacting a national sales tax 311 _ 652 _ 43 (109) Raising alcohol and tobacco taxes _ 781 _ 202 _ 23 (110) Raising the capital gains tax rate on the sale of stocks, bonds, and real estate 421 _ 522 _ 63 (111)
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George Bush 281 (112) Congress 552 Both the same (VOL)_ 63 Neither (VOL) 74 Not sure 45
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Good shape
18b. During the next year, do you think your family will be financially better off than it is today, worse off, or about the same?
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Cutting down 411 (128) Increasing 162 Little change 423 Not sure/refused 14
19b. Thinking about your personal financial situation in the past year, have you found it to be a period in which you have been _cutting down_ on savings and other investments, have you been _increasing_ your savings and other investments during the past year, or has there been little change over the past year?>
Cutting down 291 (129) Increasing 232 Little change 473 Not sure/refused 14
20. Do you expect to spend more, about the same, or less on major purchases this year than you did last year?
Spend more 221 (130) Spend about the same 382

Spend less 393 Not sure 14
21. Let's suppose there were a major medical expense facing you or someone in your family. Do you think you would or would not have sufficient insurance coverage to meet those expenses?
Yes, would have sufficient coverage 671 (131) No, would not have sufficient coverage_ 292 Not sure 43
22a. Which one of the following statements do you think best describes America's economic position? (READ LIST SLOWLY, GIVING NUMBER WITH EACH CHOICE. RECORD BELOW UNDER 22a.)>
1) America is the number one economic power in the world today 151 (132)
2) America is one of a few, about equal, major economic powers 372
3) America is a major economic power, but not one of the leaders 343
4) America is no longer a major economic power_ 114 Not sure 35

22b. In the year 2000, do you expect America's economic position to be higher, lower, or the same as it is now?
Higher 341 (133) Lower 252 The same 333 Not sure 84
22c. When it comes to economic power, which country is currently in a stronger positionthe U.S. or Japan?
The U.S
22d. Do you think that competition from foreign countries is a problem largely because U.S. business and labor have fallen behind in productivity and quality of products, or because foreign governments have helped their businesses compete unfairly?
U.S. business and labor have fallen behind 541 (137) Foreign governments have helped their businesses_ 252 Some of both (VOL) 123 Not a problem (VOL) 14 Not sure 85
22e. In general, do you approve or disapprove of laws limiting foreign ownership of American companies and real estate?
Approve 581 (138) Disapprove 372 Not sure 53
22f. Would you favor or oppose a greater limit on the import of products from foreign countries into the U.S.?
Favor a limit 581 ASK 22g. (139)
Oppose a limit
22g. Would you favor or oppose such a limit even if it increased the prices you would have to pay for products?
Favor a limit

(Do not favor a greater limit)_ 42 _

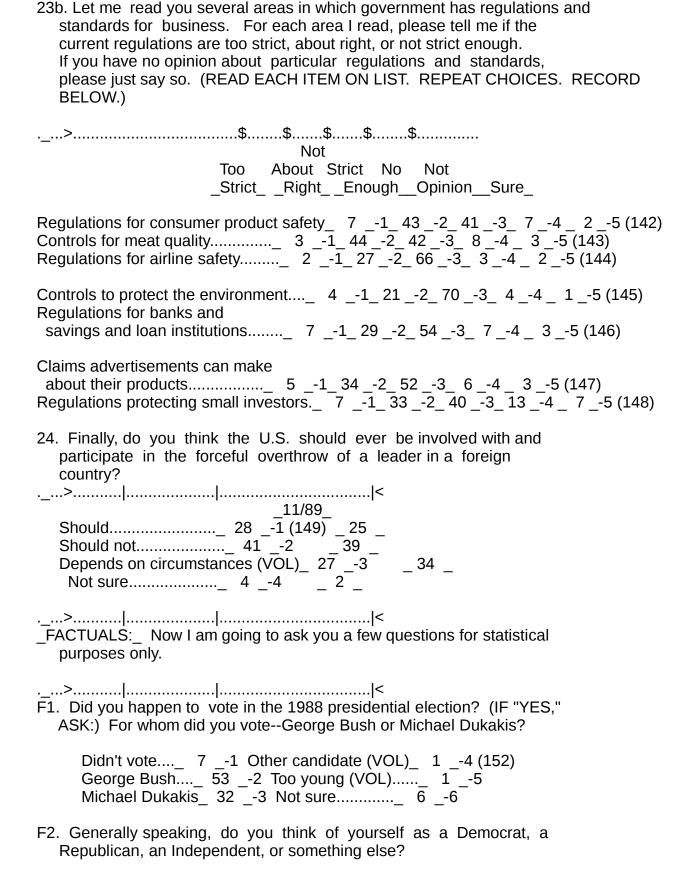
(ASK EVERYONE.)

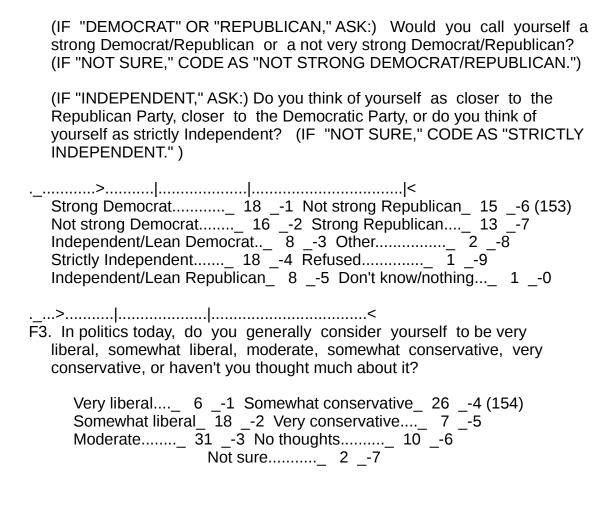
23a. Which do you feel poses a greater danger to the economy--too much government regulation or not enough government regulation?

Too much government regulation._ 55 _-1 (141)

Not enough government regulation_ 33 _-2

Not sure....._ 12 _-3





F4. What is the last grade you completed in school?
Grade school
F5. How old are you? (IF REFUSED, ASK:) Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?
18-24
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JOB DESCRIPTION:
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OFFICE USE ONLY
Professional/manager_ 171 Homemaker 76 (157) White collar worker 292 Retired 207 Blue collar worker 213 Unemployed 28 Farmer 14 Never worked/ Student 25 not sure 19
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Labor union member 141 Non-union household_ 803 (160) Labor union household_ 62 Not sure4
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F8. What religion were you brought up in?

F9. Are you white, black, Hispanic, Asian, or something else?

F10. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, or would the total be more than that?

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F11. (ASK EVERYONE.) This survey is being conducted as part of continuing
  coverage of national issues by NBC News and The Wall Street Journal.
  A few reporters assigned to this story will be calling back a selected
  number of participants to get additional insights. Would you have any
  objection to being contacted?
Do not object... 80 -1 Object--do not call 20 -2 (164)
May we please have your name and the town in which you live for validation
purposes?
RESPONDENT'S NAME:
Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss
  (circle one)
Town:
            RECORD THE FOLLOWING--DO NOT ASK!
TELEPHONE NUMBER:
          (Area Code)
Length of Interview
 10 minutes or less..._ - _-1 16 to 20 minutes...._ 30 _-3 (165)
 11 to 15 minutes..... 5 _-2 21 to 25 minutes..... 34 _-4 
26 minutes or more... 31 _-5
Interview began: : a.m. p.m. Interview ended: : a.m. p.m.
              (circle)
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      THIS IS A BONA FIDE INTERVIEW AND HAS BEEN OBTAINED
     ACCORDING TO MY AGREEMENT WITH HART RESEARCH ASSOCIATES
Interviewer's Name (PLEASE SIGN):
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